

# Message Based Questions - 3/15/20

## Be Different: Part 6 GENTLENESS

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*Verses: John 15:4-8, Galatians 5:22-23, Luke 13:6-8, Matthew 26:37-39,53*

**ICEBREAKER:** *Share your favorite Bible verse or one God has been bringing to mind recently.*

What stands out to you from this message?

Look at Luke 13:6-8. What is God's expectation of his followers? How does growth happen? Who is your advocate that helps you grow?

We can look to Jesus to see gentleness on display. Some examples are evidenced in Jesus encountering the woman at the well (John 4); Jesus and the woman caught in adultery (John 8); and his encounter with the tax collector (Luke 19). How does His gentleness impact you?

What are some practical ways we can grow in gentleness?

What kind of emotions have you experienced this week? How can this teaching on gentleness tie into the coronavirus pandemic?

**Close in prayer (from Pray the Word app):**

Father thank You for sending the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, to teach me and remind me of the things that Jesus said. Thank You for His presence with me—forever. How thankful I am that the Holy Spirit helps me in my weakness—that when I don't know what or how I should pray, He intercedes for me in accordance with Your will.

Father, tenderize my heart and make me sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. I ask that You remove any hardness of heart that still remains in me, and give me a heart of flesh. By Your Spirit, reveal even the hidden sin in my life as I wait on You... (pause and wait before the Lord, confess those things He brings to your mind)

Your Word promises that You, heavenly Father, will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask You, and so I ask, Father, as Your child—fill me afresh with Your Holy Spirit!

Empower me by Your Spirit to live victoriously for Christ, that as I am in the world, I may not ever be of the world. I ask that the power of the Holy Spirit come on me that I might be a witness for You, and boldly speak Your Word. Teach me by the Spirit when and what I should say. I long for the fruit of the Spirit to be evident in my life in ever-increasing measure, and to truly walk in the Spirit, so that the desires and passions of my sinful nature are destroyed. Strengthen me by Your Spirit to stand firm against the enemy and to persevere and do Your will. Like the early disciples, may my life be characterized by fullness of joy, and the presence of the Holy Spirit so that Jesus will be seen more clearly in me and through me, and my life will bring glory to His name, for this is the longing of my heart. In Jesus' name I ask these things. Amen.